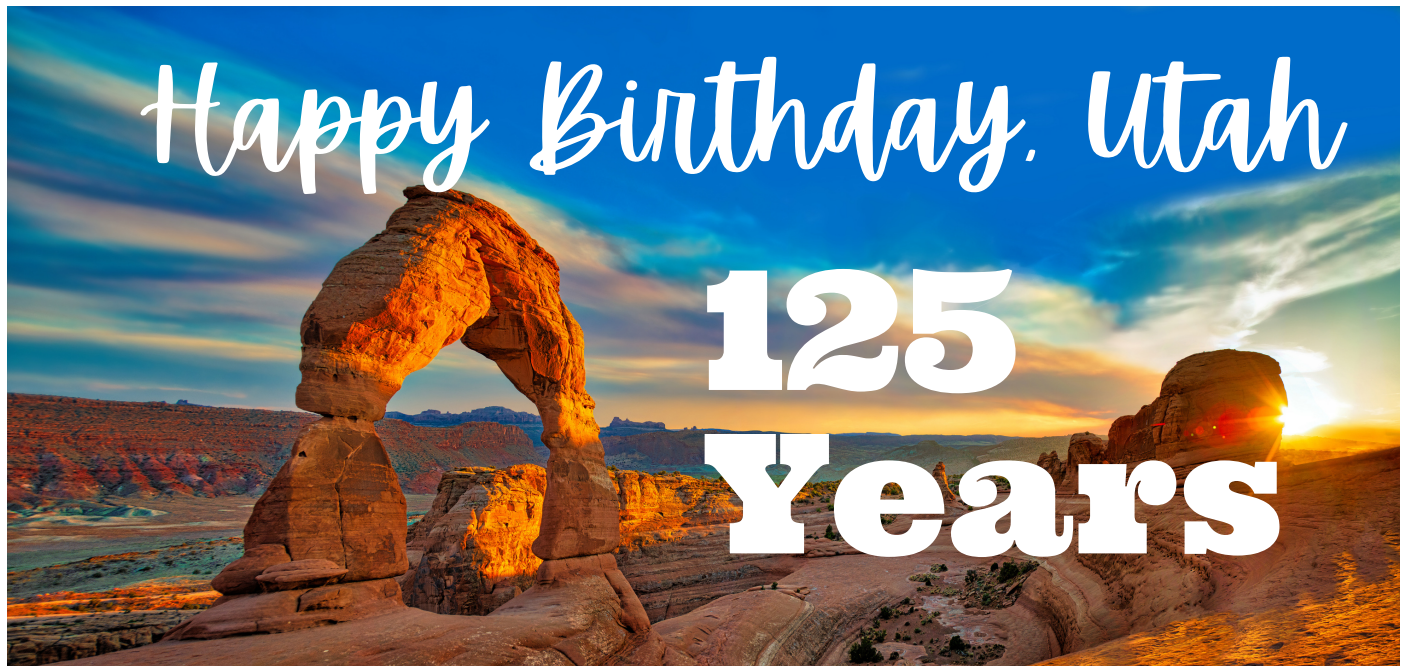


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125 Years of Statehood

Utah celebrated its 125 birthday at the beginning of the month. On January 4, 1896, President Grover Cleveland signed a proclamation granting statehood to Utah. Utah became the 45th state to join the Union. We love Utah and are lucky to call this beautiful place home.

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REMEMBERING REP LOU SHURLIFF



At the close of 2020 we lost our beloved Representative Shurtliff. She was a dedicated public servant and we all mourn her loss. Minority Leader Brian King said, "The death of my friend and colleague, Lou Shurtliff, is devastating. This remarkable teacher and legislator shaped lives and served as few others do. She combined tenacity with compassion and wisdom to create a singular force for good in Utah. I will miss her."

Speaker Wilson said, "We are all deeply saddened with the passing of Representative Lou Shurtliff. She was a beloved member of the House of Representatives but more importantly she was adored by her family and friends. We will miss her strong voice for children and passion for serving the community."

INAUGURATION OF UTAH'S 18TH GOVERNOR



This week we celebrated the inauguration of Utah's 18th Governor, Spencer Cox and Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson, and other public state officials. Regarding their inaugurations, Speaker Wilson stated the following, "My colleagues in the House of Representatives and I look forward to working with Governor Spencer Cox and Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson. Likewise, I congratulate Attorney General Sean Reyes, State Auditor John Dougall and State Treasurer David Damschen as they open new terms. Though our state faces some challenges, our opportunities are even more abundant. I am confident we will work together to make this year one of opportunity, prosperity and happiness for the people of Utah."

"I BELIEVE WE ARE BETTER THAN THIS"



Speaker Wilson made the following statement regarding the events that unfolded on Wednesday: "As a proud American, I am discouraged by the actions taken by protestors at the U. S. Capitol today. A peaceful transition has always been - and must always remain - a hallmark of our great nation. Protesting peacefully is an inalienable right, inciting violence is not. I believe we are better than this and it is time for us all to speak up for civility and order in our state and in our nation."

NEW LEGISLATOR HIGHLIGHT- REP JORDAN TEUSCHER

Representing District 42 comprising parts of West Jordan, South Jordan, and Herriman, Representative Jordan Teuscher is a new face in the Utah House. A South Jordan native, Jordan ran for office because of his desire to give a voice to his community and the southwest corner of the Salt Lake Valley. After graduating cum laude from the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Jordan joined the Leavitt Firm, p.c. where he practiced primarily international law in Eastern Europe with some local work in civil litigation and criminal defense. In 2014, he went to work for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, managing complex legal agreements and strategic vendor relationships in technology and, more recently, real estate. He and his wife, Aliona, have three children. The Teuschers are big BYU fans, holding season tickets for football and basketball, and traveling for the occasional away games.



Representative Teuscher loves to travel. Just in the past 18 months, he traveled to Ukraine, Finland, and Mexico. His family's favorite place to visit is Europe. Since traveling has been difficult in 2020, Rep. Teuscher has taken up DIY projects in his free time, building a deck and a pergola at his home in South Jordan. He is excited to begin serving in the legislature and looks forward to this new experience.

LEGISLATIVE HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you to all who participated in our annual service project. We were able to help out three schools that were in great need of supplies. [Watch](#) this short 2-minute video highlighting the service project. Thanks again!



2021 SESSION COVID-19 PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

As we welcome you back from the holidays, we remember the life of Representative LuWanna Shurtliff, who was well-loved by family, friends, her community, and the members of the Utah House of Representatives. She will be missed dearly.

With the 2021 General Session just over a week away, preparations to keep the legislature a safe environment during the COVID-19 pandemic are being finalized. Listen to this week's episode to learn about the changes that have been implemented around the Capitol to keep everyone safe. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

HOW THE MRNA VACCINE WORKS



With more and more Utahns becoming vaccinated every day it is helpful to understand how it works and how it will help protect you and your family from the virus. Read more by clicking [here](#).